

# Borough of Yeadon

## NEWSLETTER

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### *Unveiling of Pennsylvania Historical Marker*

## Marking History at the Nile Swim Club

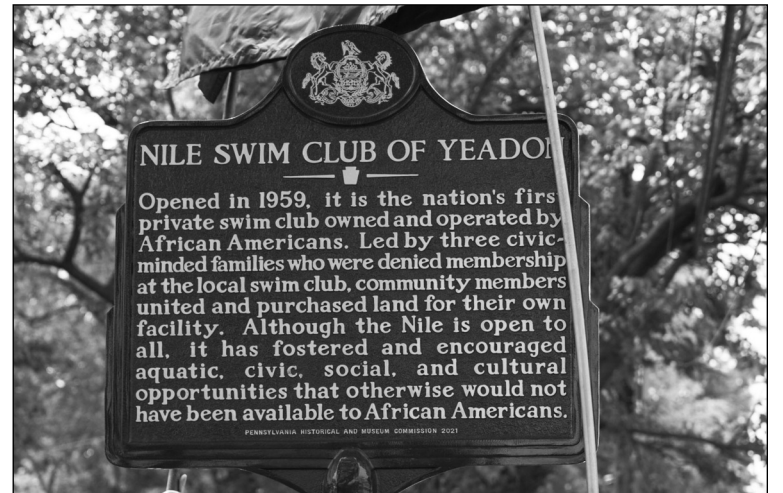
Yeadon Borough now has an official historic tourist attraction at 513 S. Union Avenue!

The Unveiling and Dedication Ceremony for the PA Historical Marker for the Nile Swim Club of Yeadon was held on Sat., May 22, 2021 with hundreds in attendance, including several members of Yeadon Borough Council and other elected officials. All were welcomed by Nile Swim Club President Anthony Patterson and Yeadon Mayor Rohan Hepkins. Other speakers at the event were U. S. Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon, PA State Senator Anthony Williams, PA State Representative Margo Davidson, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Chair Nancy Moses, Yeadon

Borough Historical Commission Vice-Chair William Mellix and family members of Founders Zoe Mask, Carson Puriefoy and Elmer Stewart.

#### **The Story Behind The Marker**

In 1957, three neighbors (Zoe Mask, Carson Puriefoy and Elmer Stewart), all of whom were third generation out of slavery, went to the Yeadon Borough Hall to submit applications for membership in a newly formed Yeadon Swim Club. They were told they would hear back about their applications. Upon leaving the building, Mr. Puriefoy remembered something that he wanted to add to his



Unveiling of the Historical Marker Commemorating the Founding of the Nile Swim Club of Yeadon

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### *From the Council President*

## From Pandemic to Progress, Together We Move Forward

Dear Neighbors,

I hope that this message finds you and your family well. In this edition of the newsletter, you will learn about some of the wonderful things that your Borough government is doing.

At last, the end of the pandemic is in sight, and I have relished seeing the gradual return to normalcy – the sight of families celebrating graduations, gathering for holidays, or keeping cool together at the Nile Swim Club.



LaToya Monroe

Speaking of the Nile Swim Club, I am so proud that the Commonwealth has finally recognized this longtime treasure in our community with a historic marker recognizing the club's significance. (Please see the article directly above for additional details about the Nile's new historical marker.)

Yeadon Borough Council, the officials and administrative staff remain busy making our community better and safer through upgrades to infrastructure, public safety and recreation. We've recently been awarded a grant to perform some much-needed sewer work; Senator Anthony H. Williams obtained a grant for the Yeadon Police Department to acquire portable cameras; and we are raising money to update our equipment at Yeadon Community Park so our children can have

safe equipment.

We continue to make historic investments in the Borough's infrastructure and are working diligently to be wise stewards of your tax dollars.

While many of us were home during the height of the pandemic, our borough employees continued working – keeping us safe and operational. So if you see a borough employee in the near future, be sure to tell them "thank you" for their tireless work.

And, as we return to normal, I will continue as your Yeadon Borough Council President to make sure that we MOVE YEADON FORWARD.

**In Service,  
LaToya Monroe**

### **Back in the Day...**



This young person pictured above today is one of 22 borough employees featured in the *Meet the Borough Staff* article in this issue. Can you guess who this is? Answer on Page 8.

### **Lighting the Way**

The next time you pass by the Borough Hall at night, you will see more than the light from the clock tower. Lighting was added to the front of Borough Hall as a result of safety concerns raised by residents and elected officials during the Council and Public Safety Committee Meetings. Additional lighting will be added to the parking lot as well.



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BOROUGH CONTACTS

**EMERGENCIES - DIAL 911**  
Police Emergencies, Fire Emergencies  
Animal Control

**MAIN DESK** 610-284-1606  
Mayor’s Office: ext. 155  
Borough Manager: ext. 116  
Finance Department: exts. 112, 113  
Health Inspector: ext. 122  
Fire Marshal: ext. 124

**Police Department** 610-623-1500  
Chief Anthony Paparo  
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Street Violations, Parking Tickets,  
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**Fire Department** 610-623-9642  
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Ordinances/Zoning

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Community, Youth, and Programs

**Events** 610-284-1606  
Hall Rentals, Block Parties and Park Rentals

**Tax Collector** 610-622-6379  
Julianne James - jjames@yeadonborough.com  
Real Estate Tax, Sewer and Refuse Bills

**Yeadon Public Library** 610-623-4090

**Magisterial District Court 32-2-47** 610-259-8848  
The Honorable W. Keith Williams, II  
60 West Marshall Road, Lansdowne, PA 19050  
Small claims (up to \$12,000)  
Felony, Misdemeanor, Preliminary Hearings,  
and Traffic Violations



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Upcoming Events, Closings and Announcements



EVENTS

**E-Waste Collection Events**  
July 30th, August 27th, September 24th, and October 29th  
Public Works Garage from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Stop by the office to verify residency and wear a mask.

**Yard Waste Drop-Off Events**  
August 13th, September 10th, and October 8th  
Public Works Garage from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Contractors and companies are prohibited.

More information regarding events will be forthcoming. Please continue to check the website for updates at [yeadonborough.org](http://yeadonborough.org).

OFFICIAL CLOSINGS

The Borough will be closed September 6th and October 11th in observance of the holidays.

NOTICES

Mayor Hepkins proclaimed May 2-8, 2021 as **Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week**.  
If you did not receive a Borough calendar or if you would like an extra one, copies are available at the front desk on the third floor of Borough Hall.  
Illegal dumping at the gateway area where Yeadon and Philadelphia connect should be reported to the Borough and/or the Philadelphia Streets Department. The Philadelphia Streets Department can be reached at (215) 686-5560.  
Call 9-1-1 for any sewer issues, street parking violations, stray animals, and emergency issues.  
Parking violations on the common alleys/drive-ways and neglected lawn maintenance should be reported to the Code Department at (610) 284-3110.

All issues related to street sweeping, highway maintenance (street signs, traffic signals, potholes, etc.), down electrical wires, trees, snow removal (Borough owned lots and streets) should be reported to the Public Works Department at (610) 623-3636.  
If you need to dispose of appliances with freon (white goods) such as refrigerators, air conditioners, etc. call the Borough Hall to schedule a pickup. Residents must pay a fee of \$10.  
Please be informed that B&L Disposal will pickup one bulk item per household on your scheduled trash collection day. If you have any issues with trash or recycling call the Borough Hall immediately.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulation to Code Enforcement Officer Mary Nixon for being recognized as a Health Hero by the Public Citizens for Children and Youth (PCCY)!  
The Borough was awarded the 2021 CDBG grant in the amount of \$200,000.  
The National Fitness Campaign awarded the Borough \$30,000 towards a new Fitness Court at Yeadon Community Park.  
The Borough is accepting donations for the new Fitness Court. The target goal is \$155,000.  
The Yeadon Public Library was awarded \$1,000 from the American Library Association grant toward summer youth programs.

NEED WI-FI?

Wi-Fi check outs are available at the Yeadon Public Library. Call (610) 623-4090 for more information.

Borough Meetings

All Meetings will be held via Zoom.  
Check [yeadonborough.org](http://yeadonborough.org) for updates.

**BOROUGH COUNCIL CAUCUS MEETING**  
Caucus Meetings have been postponed during the summer months.

**BOROUGH COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING**  
Third Thursday of each month  
7:00 p.m., Zoom teleconferencing

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
Last Saturday of each month  
9:30 a.m., Zoom teleconferencing

**CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE**  
Second Tuesday of each month  
6:00 p.m., Zoom teleconferencing

**Please note:** All meetings are subject to change. Check [yeadonborough.org](http://yeadonborough.org) for updates.

ARE YOU BEHIND ON YOUR RENT DUE TO COVID-19?



**Delaware County Emergency Rental Assistance**  
For more information visit [delco-era.com](http://delco-era.com)  
Phone: 484-729-4200 | Email [info@delco-era.com](mailto:info@delco-era.com)  
Twitter: @DelcoERA | Facebook.com/DelcoERA



**Delco Alert**  
Delaware County, Pennsylvania  
Emergency Notification System

Residents are encouraged to register for the Delco Alert notification system which alerts residents of updates and emergencies. Register at [delcopa.gov/delcoalert/delcoalert.html](http://delcopa.gov/delcoalert/delcoalert.html)

# When Will the Calendar Indicate Things are Back to Normal?

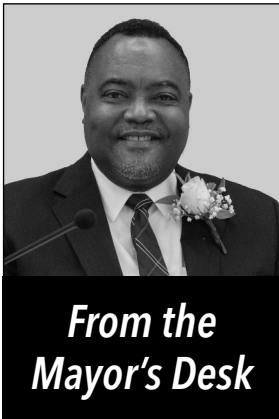
My Fellow Yeadonites,

As I write to you in this edition, I am struck by the dizzying pace of how things have changed on our social landscape so quickly over the past year.

We just came through a revolution of sorts where we were faced with a once in a lifetime pandemic last year in which we experienced over 600,000 deaths. Millions more were negatively impacted. We also experienced social unrests, a downturn in the economy – where many lost jobs along with healthcare and other presumed benefits of yesteryear.

Social Distancing kept us away from our normal activities of dining out and going to the movies. Many families were forced to homeschool and forego much of what we were accustomed to for so long. We experienced a national response, as the ramping up of vaccines through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) were distributed and administered.

Many of us now ask, “When will we finally get our lives back to normal again?”



And yes, we see normalcy coming as things are ramping back up again. However, experts warn us that we are still not entirely out of the woods, as we have to continue to respect the virus and its several variants that are still threatening to make a comeback and stem our progress.

Conceivably, we may look at the calendar and see our traditional 4th of July approaching and start looking forward to Labor Day, while thinking that these traditional summer holidays will usher in barbecues, beach-going and various get-togethers. It seems these calendar-driven activities will usher in a new normal from a woe-begone time that has now sprung back to life. And we rejoice at these forward-looking prospects.

To this my fellow residents, I say, that despite our best efforts to vaccinate all Americans, it is still up to us - not the calendar - as to when we can finally get back to normal. The more of us that are vaccinated, the better off we will all be. The vaccine is now ramped up to a pace where supply is now outpacing

demand. So let us not hesitate or procrastinate. Let us understand that getting vaccinated not only protects us from contracting COVID – but it also protects those with whom we will come in close contact – namely loved ones and friends. Consequently, doing so in large numbers serves to protect our overall community and population in stemming the continued spread of the virus. Therefore, I say to you and plead: please take the vaccine if you are medically able.

The calendar will not dictate when things will get back to normal – people will. It depends upon us getting vaccinated. It is still a matter of life and death. So if you have not already, please sign up for the vaccine. Visit our website at [yeaddonborough.org](http://yeaddonborough.org) for more information – or go to one of the pop up clinics. Doing so will protect our loved ones while serving to safeguard our community.

In closing, please stay safe and enjoy the summer and the upcoming fall season...your actions will greatly help to safeguard our community that we all love.

Blessings & Peace,  
Mayor Hepkins

# PECO’s Tree Service Contractor Performing Work This Summer in Some of Yeadon’s Neighborhoods

PECO’s Vegetation Management department has scheduled tree pruning in the Yeadon area to prevent electric service issues caused by broken tree limbs, fallen trees and other vegetation.

This work will begin in July/August and will be completed in September.

PECO’s tree service contractor – specially trained for utility work – will prune to promote tree growth away from power lines and equipment.

Work will take place primarily in the areas south of Darnell Avenue, as shown in the highlighted area of the map at right. Residents affected in these areas will also receive a letter from PECO with additional details.

For more information and a list of Frequently Asked Questions, please visit [peco.com](http://peco.com) and type “trees and power lines” in the search field. Or, call PECO at 1-800-311-6345.



# Yeadon Borough Management Mid-Year Review

NJN & Associates, LLC strives to improve the performance of the Borough by identifying problems and implementing solutions. The recent focus has been related to improving the infrastructure and addressing priority issues within the approved budget. In addition, several grants have been applied for and received to aid in this effort. Below is a list of items accomplished and/or in progress:

- Management applied for the American Rescue Plan Act for emergency grant funds totaling over \$600,000.
- Yeadon Borough was awarded \$200,000.00 from the 2021 Community Development Block Grant for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation of Cypress Street from Longacre Boulevard to Baily Road.
- The National Fitness Campaign awarded the Borough \$30,000 towards the \$185,000 needed for the Fitness Court being installed at the Yeadon Community Park (YCP) later this year. In addition, several donations were received from sponsors totaling \$4,400 and more are expected.
- The Low Volume Road Grant project was completed. Management and NDI Engineering will be submitting another application for this grant in October 2021.
- Management applied for the 2021 Healing the Planet Program through Keeping Pennsylvania Beautiful and The Giant Company for the Fitness Court and L.O.V.E. Garden at the YCP. Management also assisted the Eastern Delaware County Stormwater Collaborative in applying for this grant for the rain garden being planted on Church Lane.
- Management applied for funding from the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program through the PA Department of Community and Economic Development grant. If awarded, the funds will be used to create a revitalization development plan from the topographic survey performed on Chester Avenue.
- The Eastern Delco Bikeway Prioritization study is in progress. There will be a public meeting where you will be able to give your opinions. Visit [yeaddonborough.org](http://yeaddonborough.org) for more information.
- A COVID-19 call line was setup and run by Management to assist the County and community in scheduling vaccinations.
- Management made technological upgrades to several programs and systems, such as payroll, the phone system, computers, and servers.
- The audit for the 2019 Liquid Fuels Tax Fund resulted in no findings.
- The annual Harassment, Sensitivity, and Customer Service training was held with the employees.
- Management posted and filled several job vacancies.

NJN & Associates, LLC  
Borough Management Team



From the Chief of Police

# Keeping It Real

I literally sat at my desk for a while, lost in what I might bring to you for this newsletter. We had just completed another episode of "Good Morning Yeadon!" and a resident new to watching the program made a comment that was a little disheartening. She was disappointed that we were talking about some negative aspects of policing and was wondering why I put this program together (just an FYI, we always end the show with something positive going on in Yeadon, regardless of the seriousness of any topics we



discuss). She wondered, "was it because something bad had happened in Yeadon, and if this was a reaction to that incident?"

The answer was no. Yet, I was disheartened because I put this program, "Good Morning Yeadon!" like so many of my community-based programs together, not in reaction to something bad happening, but to think outside the box to reach YOU, and develop a relationship, partnership, and dialogue on a

much deeper, different level beyond a response to a 911 call, you being stopped, or you reporting a crime. She seemed to think I was too harsh, when describing some aspects of police work. Thus, the title of my article, "Keeping it Real," because if I have not made this clear yet, or you just happen to be tuning in to a show, reading one of my articles, or seeing me in person deliver a speech or instructing a class, please know that when it comes to protecting you, I am not-

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ing short of direct. Most of all, I will never apologize for telling you things that can help you stay safe even if it sounds harsh. I "keep it real," because your life and safety is what matters to me most.

So, with that being said, I invite you to contemplate this from Proverbs, 23:18, "Surely there is a future, and your hope will not be cut off." Our future is predicated on hope because without it, there is nothing. Yeadon, without question is a different entity in this hatred filled world of late that we live in. Yeadon is the hope this world needs to see. It is the stark contrast of the negative perception that the



police and the community are at odds. Yeadon is a completely different narrative, one that shows positivity, partnership, understanding, and a community embraced by their police, and a community that embraces their police. I pray we all stay safe; I pray we all continue to keep hope alive here, and I pray that God keeps us all out of harms way.

As always, always look out for one another, and stay safe.

Anthony R. Paparo  
Chief of Police

### HAVE A TIP? CONTACT US!

Tip Line: 610-259-1228  
E-mail: [tips@yeadonpd.org](mailto:tips@yeadonpd.org)  
Phone: 610-623-1500  
Fax: 610-623-3146

## Grilling Fire Safety

Stay Fire Safe This Summer! Follow These Grilling Safety Tips:

Only use your grill outside. Keep it at least 3 feet from siding, deck rails and eaves.

Keep a 3-foot safe zone around your grill. This will keep kids and pets safe.

Open your gas grill before lighting.

Keep an eye on your grill, fire pit or patio torches. Don't walk away from them when they are lit.

Clean your grill after each use. This will remove grease that can start a fire.

Place the coals from your grill in a metal can with a lid once they have cooled.

## Eastern Delaware County Stormwater Collaborative

It is Spring again!  
As you may have noticed, many of the large and older street trees are coming down around Yeadon. Some of these trees were destroying the sidewalks. Nevertheless, trees are vital to shade homes (which reduces the electric bill), save energy, soak up stormwater, clean the air and support birds. As a homeowner, you are able to plant smaller trees on your property, reaping these benefits and helping the environment. So, please consider planting a small tree today.  
The Stormwater Collaborative will be installing rain gardens around the borough and holding rain barrel workshops via Zoom (hopefully in person soon). If you have any questions about stormwater related issues visit the collaborative website at [www.edcsc.org](http://www.edcsc.org) or contact me at (610) 284-1606 ext. 149.

Roy Hunter  
Recreation Coordinator

Trash and Recycling Reminders

Please be reminded that trash and recycling should be out the night before or by 6 a.m. on collection day. B&L Disposal generally keeps the same scheduling, but on occasion may have to switch their routes and collection times.  
Please be sure you follow the ordinance regarding trash and debris as outlined on page 5 under Keeping Up with the Code in this newsletter. The trash should be in a leakproof container, unless it is a trash bag containing leaf and vegetation only.

In addition, the placement of construction materials, such as wood or metal studs, beams, rafters, joists, plywood, sheathing, siding roofing materials, electrical wiring, plumbing materials, cabinets, appliances and other discarded materials of a renovation, repair or construction project shall not be placed out for regular collection. Such items shall be considered bulk pick up and must comply with Subsection I. Please refer to [ecode360.com/YE2061](http://ecode360.com/YE2061) for more information.

Code Enforcement Spotlight

Keeping Up With the Code

Here are common code issues that occur during the spring and summer months. Included are the ordinances which can be found online at [www.ecode360.com/YE2061](http://www.ecode360.com/YE2061). If you have questions or would like to report issues, please contact the Code Department at (610) 284-3110.

MISCELLANEOUS PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Keeping your property in a neat and orderly condition is vital to creating an aesthetically pleasing and safe environment for the community. For example, not displaying a house number can be problematic in the event of an emergency and first responders may find it difficult to locate your home.

**Ordinance # 220-16 Exterior Property Areas - Sanitation.** All exterior property and premises shall be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition. The occupant shall keep that part of the exterior property which such occupant occupies or controls in a clean and sanitary condition.

HIGH GRASS & WEEDS

Maintaining your lawn, trees, and shrubs not only makes your property look good, but it will help keep animals and rodents away. It will keep the Code Enforcement Officers away too.

**Ordinance # 220-16 Exterior Property Area - D. Lawn and vegetation care** - All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from grass, weeds, or plant growth in excess of 10 inches (254 mm). This shall also include grass, weeds or plant growth located between the curb and sidewalk areas; around poles, post, signs, trees, fire hydrants etc. All noxious weeds shall be prohibited. "Weeds" shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs; provided, however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and garden.

D (1) Vegetation along the curb and street line. Vegetation growth along the gutter line adjacent to the curb of a public way shall be prohibited and shall be the responsibility of the property owner.

D (2) Vegetation overgrowth and obstruction of public ways. Trees, bushes or other vegetation shall not be permitted...

D (5) Removal of clippings. Clippings from trees, brush, grass, or other vegetation shall not

be left to die or discolor; and shall be swept up, bundled, and removed from the property within seven days. Persons responsible for violation of this section shall be deemed guilty of a summary offense in accordance to § 220-6C and shall receive citations without prior notification as provided for in § 220-7A.

TRASH & DEBRIS

We can all benefit from taking care of our environment. Seeing trash and debris scattered around the community is unsightly and unsafe. Also, our landfills are overflowing and our oceans and waterways are polluted. We can educate ourselves on better practices to reduce waste, such as composting. There is also an abundance of information out there to help us curb the way we accumulate and dispose of trash and recycling. Check out these sites for more information: [www.nature.org](http://www.nature.org) and [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)

220-21 Rubbish garbage and recyclable

A. Accumulation of rubbish, garbage, or recyclables. The owner of any premises and or the occupant of any structure, shall be responsible for the exterior property, premises, and the interior of every structure, and shall maintain such areas free from any accumulation of rubbish, garbage or recyclables.

B. Disposal of rubbish, garbage and recyclables. Every occupant of a structure shall dispose of all rubbish garbage and recyclables in a clean and sanitary manner as prescribed in the Borough's streets, utilities and public services code as outlined in the Code of the Borough of Yeadon, using proper containers as prescribed in this section. Where differences occur between provisions of this code and the standards contained in the Borough's streets, utilities and public services code, the stricter provisions shall apply.

D. Approved rubbish and garbage containers. An approved rubbish and garbage container (trash can) shall meet the following specification and shall be maintained as follows:

- (1) Must be a leakproof metal or plastic container of not more than 33-gallon capacity which do not, when filled, weigh more than 30 pounds.
- (2) Shall be provided with close-fitting covers or

lids for the storage of such materials until properly disposed of.

(3) Shall effectively prevent the entry of rain, snow, vermin and vectors therein.

(4) Shall effectively prevent the escape of noxious odors, effluent, refuse and garbage.

(5) Shall be maintained in good condition. Any receptacles that do not conform to the provision of this article or that may have ragged or sharp edges or any other defect liable to hamper or injure the person collecting the contents thereof shall be promptly replaced.

(6) Shall be marked with the address of the property served.

K. Trash bags. With the exception of approved leaf and vegetation bags, the placement of rubbish and or garbage in plastic or paper bags not concealed in an approved container and or dumpster shall be prohibited.

NOTICES FROM THE CODE DEPARTMENT

Please keep in mind that when you receive a violation notice from the Code Enforcement Department you should take care of the issue as soon as possible to avoid further action. If you would like to discuss any issues openly or express your gratitude with the community, you are welcome to attend the Code Enforcement Committee Meetings, which are currently being held at 6:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month via Zoom

§ 220-7 Violation notices and orders

A. Notice to owner or to person or persons responsible. Whenever the Code Officer determines that there has been a violation of this code or has grounds to believe that a violation has occurred, a violation notice shall be given, in the manner prescribed in Subsections B and C to the person responsible for the violation as specified in this code.

(1) Exception. Violations of some code sections shall not require prior notice, as spelled out in this code, and may result in the issuance of citations in accordance to § 220-6C and D.

Rufus Stokes  
Code Director

Historical Marker

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application and returned to the office only to find that all of their applications had been trashed. At that moment, he then knew that his children would not be allowed to swim at the white segregated Yeadon Swim Club.

Given this, Mask, Puriefoy and Stewart chose not to ignore the situation or to give money to lawyers to fight it, but rather to build their own swim club to serve Yeadon's African American community. The Yeadon Swim Club's act of segregation gave birth to innovation for this marginalized group. They recruited other families and in February 1958, after much planning and preparation, they formed a non-profit corporation called the Nile Swim Club of Yeadon. The name chosen harkened back to the ancient, life-giving waters at the heart and soul of their African heritage. In April 1959, the Nile Swim Club of Yeadon made settlement on 2 1/8 acres of land in the Sullivan Tract, which is now known as Yeadon Community Park.

On July 11, 1959, the original founding families stood side by side, surrounded by friends and neighbors, and cut the ribbon on the brand new African American owned and operated Nile Swim Club of Yeadon.

Acknowledgements from YHBC

The members of the Yeadon Borough Historical Commission thank the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission, Yeadon Public Library, Yeadon Borough Officials, Yeadon's Police Department, Yeadon's Public Works Department and all who supported our successful effort to have the Nile Swim Club of Yeadon recognized as a significant part of Pennsylvania history.

Historical Commission Members

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Alvin Holm  
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YTC Corner

Extends Happy Summer

Congrats to all who were able to take advantage of the discount and face periods. Now, if life and time got in the way and you have forgotten your Borough taxes, not to worry.

In the month of October, you will receive a reminder to encourage payment before December 31, 2021.

William Penn School District Real Estate Taxes will be mailed the first week in July. If you still hold delinquent 2020 taxes, those taxes must be paid at the Media Court House That's all for now. Be safe and take care.

Julianne James, Yeadon Tax Collector

# Public Works News and Updates

## E-Waste Collection Events

E-Waste events will now be held monthly at the Public Works Yard located at 1115 Baily Rd. (Across from Kerr Field). Events will take place on the last working Friday of each month between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. We ask all residents to please stop into the office when arriving, have a form of ID that shows Yeadon residency, and to wear proper COVID-19 PPE (personal protective equipment). Someone from the Public Works Department will assist in unloading any items you may have for disposal during this time. If you have a question regarding what you can dispose of please contact the Public Works Department.

## Upcoming Dates

Upcoming e-Waste collection events will take place 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the last Friday of the month: **July 30, August 27, September 24, and October 29, 2021.**

## Electronic Waste Accepted:

- Computers / Laptops
- TVs and Monitors
- Printers, Scanners, Fax Machines
- DVD / DVR/ VCR
- Gaming Consoles
- Telephones, Cell Phones, Cameras, Camcorders
- Microwaves

## Yard Waste Drop-Off

As part of the Department of Environmental Protection Municipal Waste Planning Recycling and Waste Reduction Act (Act 101) the Public Works Department receives yard waste drop off from residents every 2nd Friday of the month from March until October.

Beginning March 12, 2021 through October 8, 2021, every second Friday of the month, residents will be able to bring yard waste to the Public Works Garage for disposal. Yard waste is defined as the following: twigs, sticks, shrubbery, tree trimmings, branches (the tree branches cannot be wider than 4 inches in diameter, and the bundles cannot be longer than 3 feet in length), and similar vegetative material.

## PUBLIC WORKS INFORMATION

Public Works Hours are 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. Summer hours change after Memorial Day, to 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. and continue through Friday September 3, 2021. To report a Public Works related issue please dial (610)-623-3636.

**1115 BAILY ROAD**  
**(Across from Kerr Field)**

**\*\*REMINDER\*\***  
**IF YOU HAVE A SEWER PROBLEM,**  
**PLEASE DIAL 9-1-1\*\***

## Twice-a-Week Trash Pick-Up Summer Schedule

*Continues until Tuesday August 31st*

If your trash is picked up on....

**MONDAY:** during the summer schedule, it will be collected on **Monday and Thursday.**

**TUESDAY:** during the summer schedule, it will be collected on **Tuesday and Friday.**

**THURSDAY:** during the summer schedule, it will be collected on **Thursday and Monday.**

**FRIDAY:** during the summer schedule, it will be collected on **Friday and Tuesday.**

**RECYCLING PICKUP** occurs throughout the borough on Wednesdays year-round.

*\*There is no trash collection on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 6. It will be collected on Tuesday, Sept. 7.*

Grass clippings are not permitted. Leaves will be accepted, but must be separated from all the other materials. The drop off hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All contractors, landscapers, and tree companies are prohibited from participating. Everyone who comes in must stop at the office first. You will then be shown where to drop off your waste. You will be turned away if what you have is not in compliance with Act 101.

## Upcoming Dates

Upcoming Yard Waste Drop-off events will take place 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second Friday of the month: **August 13, September 10, and October 8, 2021.**

## Bulk Trash Collection

- To arrange pick up of "white goods," which are large items, such as washing machines, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, and hot water heaters, please call the Public Works Department to schedule a pickup date.
- Collection of any items containing freon will require a \$10 fee which must be paid on the 3rd floor of the Borough Hall before being scheduled to be picked up.
- Sofas, beds, and furniture can be placed out for regular trash, but there is a limit of one large item per trash collection.
- Rugs must be rolled and tied and put out for regular collection.
- Mattresses and box springs **MUST** be encased in a plastic industrial bag.

## Reduce Illicit Discharge

With the warmer weather and the growing season in full tilt it is important to remember not to blow your grass into the street. Grass clippings in the street often end up in storm drains, and sewers, in addition to being a hazard to motorcycles and cyclists (it also is not very attractive in our neighborhood). Grass clippings, leaves, and other debris tend to clump in storm drains and in sewers. This causes drains to back up, resulting in flooding or drainage issues. As we all know stormwater runoff ends up in our public water ways, carrying hazardous fertilizers and pesticides along with it. Grass clippings also contribute to an abundance of nutrients in our streams that cause unwanted and uncontrolled growth of algae and aquatic weeds that hinders

aquatic life. When cutting your lawn this summer, please remember to blow all grass clippings back in your yard, or bag your clippings and properly dispose of them in your regular trash (make sure they are bagged). Other ways to prevent storm water pollution include but are not limited to the following:

- 1) Properly dispose of hazardous substances such as used oil, cleaning supplies, and paint - NEVER pour them down any part of the storm sewer system, and report anyone who does!
- 2) Use pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff.
- 3) Look for signs of soil and other pollutants, such as debris and chemicals, construction sites left in storm water runoff or tracked into roads by construction vehicles. Report poorly managed construction sites that could impact stormwater runoff to the Borough.
- 4) Install innovative storm water practices on your residential property, such as rain barrels or rain gardens, which capture stormwater and keep it on site instead of letting it drain away into the storm sewer system.
- 5) Report any discharges from storm water outfalls during times of dry weather - a sign that there could be a problem with the storm sewer system.
- 6) Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly. No matter where pets make a mess - in a back yard or at the park - stormwater runoff can carry pet waste from the land to the storm sewer system and then to a stream.
- 7) Store materials that could pollute storm water indoors and use containers for outdoor storage that do not rust or leak to eliminate exposure of materials to stormwater.

Always remember if you see something out of the ordinary to please report the issue right away. During business hours please contact the Code Department (610-284-3110) to report an illicit discharge, after hours please contact the Police Department (9-1-1). Let's work collectively to keep our watersheds and natural habitats safe and clean!

**Jeffery Wilkinson**  
**Public Works Director**

## How to Dispose of Cooking Oil and Grease

Cooking grease and oils will cause problems with your household sewer system. Follow these disposal guidelines to keep your pipes clean!



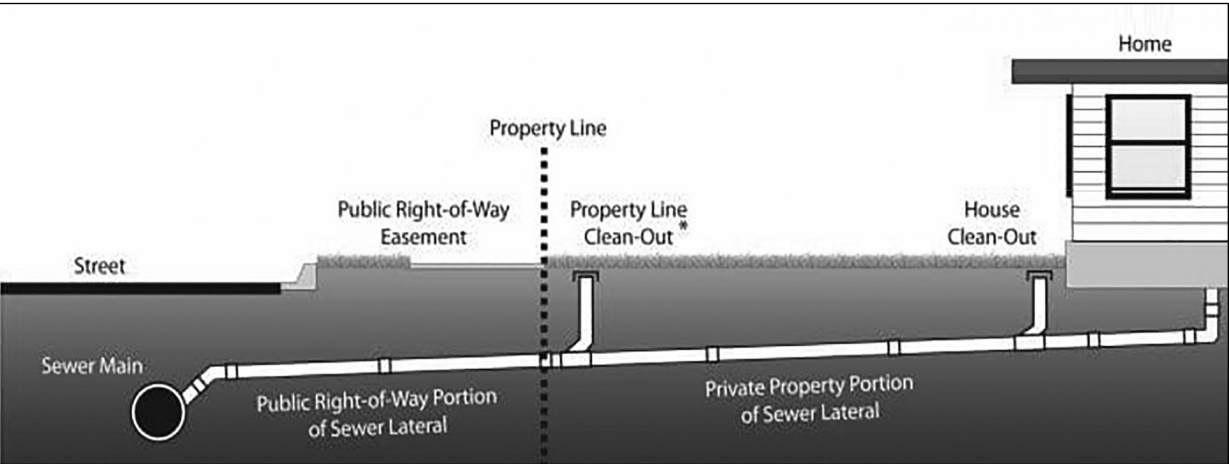


# Sanitary Sewer Laterals

Every property has a sanitary sewer lateral that goes from the house to the main in the street. You may wonder who is responsible for maintenance of the lateral. Property owners are responsible for full maintenance of the lateral, both the portion in the street and the section that goes from the house to the curb. What does maintenance include? If laterals require degreasing, tree root cut-

ting, or blockage removals, then it is the responsibility of the owner (no matter whether it is in the lawn area or in the street). Repairs are handled differently. Repairs in the lateral section from the house to the curb are always the responsibility of the property owner. However, if a repair or a replacement is needed in the street section of the lateral, the Borough assumes responsibility. Please remember to call 9-1-1 for any sewer emergency. A sewer issue is considered an emergency and calling 9-1-1 ensures an expeditious response. In order to decrease the risk of having a sanitary sewer lateral issue on your property, try avoiding dumping items such as grease down your drain.

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## DON'T BLOCK THAT LINE: HOW TO PREVENT CLOGS, BACKUPS, AND OVERFLOWS

When sewer lines are blocked, the result can be messy, dangerous, and expensive. Fortunately, there are simple steps everyone can take to help keep this from happening.

### The answer is not at your disposal

No matter how powerful your garbage disposal may be, it can't prevent grease from draining into your pipes. And detergents that claim to dissolve grease may just pass it along and cause problems down the line.

### The problem: Grease, fat, oil, and so-called flushables

When poured or washed down the drain, these substances and materials can adhere to the insides of pipes that carry wastewater to sewer lines. Over time, this buildup can lead to blockages that cause backups and overflow.

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### Simple steps you can take

First, never pour grease, fat, or oil into sinks, toilets or down drains. After cooking, let it cool, use a rubber scraper to remove it from dishes and cookware, put it in a sealed container, and put it in the trash.

### Strain it, don't drain it

To keep food scraps out of pipes, put a basket/strainer in the drain and empty the trapped pieces into the trash.

### Let's talk trash

Paper towels, facial tissues and even so-called "flushable" wipes can all cause problems if flushed down the toilet. Throw them in the trash can instead.

### Slow the flow

The more water that's discharged into sewer systems, the harder they have to work. You can help by installing high-efficiency washing machines and dishwashers, low-flow toilets, shower heads, and sink aerators.

### To find out more:

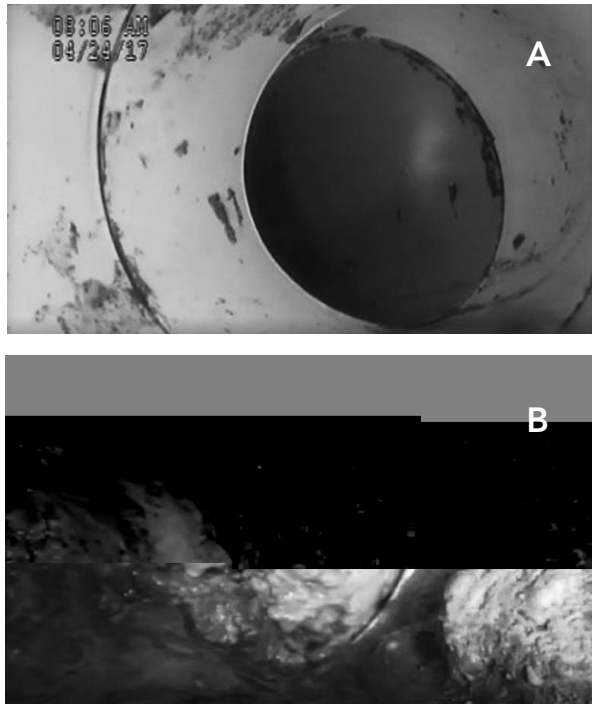
To learn more about wastewater—how we treat it, where it goes—visit us on the web at [amwater.com](http://amwater.com)

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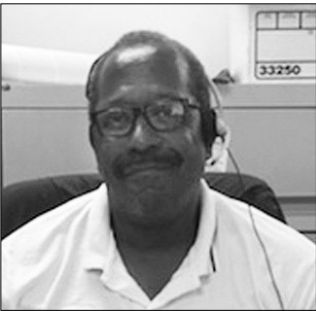
## No Grease in Drains

Are you aware of the trouble cooking grease causes to your household sewer? When anything goes down a household drain, whether it is in the kitchen, bathroom, or laundry room, the waste has to travel through the house and out to the street in order to continue to the treatment plant. When cooking grease is poured down the drain, it may start as a free flowing liquid, but when it starts to cool in the pipes or sewers, it begins solidifying. If the household sewage flow is too low, as is often the case in one- or two-person households, the grease may solidify in the homeowner's lateral, or in the Borough's sewer main. Initially, homeowners may experience a slowing in the draining of sinks, showers, toilets. Ultimately, homeowners may experience a blocked sewer lateral where sewage cannot get out of the lateral, and instead, backs up into the home. Pictures (A) and (B) below are images showing a lateral discharging at the main. As you can see in picture (A), the pipe is clean and unclogged with no visible buildup occurring. While in picture (B), there is a large buildup of grease and debris that is clogging the pipe, preventing the sewage from draining properly from the lateral to the street main. We encourage all residents/businesses to store grease in a container and dispose of it separately, rather than pouring it down a drain. A backup due to grease buildup is a property owner's responsibility.

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# Meet the Borough Staff



**Rufus Stokes**  
*Code Dept. Director; Fire Marshal; Emergency Management Coordinator*

Rufus wears many hats for the Borough and possesses specialized training in prevention, detection, investigation, and law enforcement.



**Michael Diieno**  
*Fire Chief*

Mike oversees the Fire Department and all the day-to-day tasks.



**Jeffery Wilkinson**  
*Public Works Director*

Jeff became Public Works Director in early 2020. He is responsible for managerial and administrative duties within the department.



**Elmore Hunter**  
*Recreation Director*

Roy is a resident who oversees the recreation programs. He also volunteers and coaches youth sports teams.



**ANSWER: WHO AM I?**  
Elmore “Roy” Hunter is the young person pictured on the front cover of this issue.



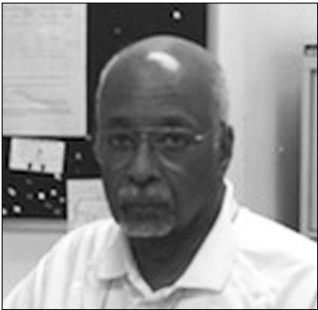
**Patricia Criswell**  
*Code Department Office Manager*

Patti oversees the administrative tasks of the department.



**Mary Nixon**  
*Code Officer; Lead Health Inspector; Emergency Management Deputy*

Mary inspects potential health issues and other code matters as well as volunteers.



**Joseph Wormley**  
*Code Officer*

Joseph is a resident whose duties include performing inspections, enforcing vendor permits, and responding to citizens.



**Solomon White, III**  
*Code Officer; Fire Fighter; Hall Monitor*

Solomon is a resident who enforces the code, helps fight fires, and monitors Hall events.



**Albert Campbell, III**  
*Code Officer*

Albert is our new Code Officer. He previously worked for Lansdowne.



**Richard Smalley**  
*Parking Enforcement Officer*

Richard is tasked with identifying and remediating violations of parking laws.



**Denise Vitullo**  
*Police Secretary*

Denise assists the police with resident issues and various paperwork.



**Patricia Scheerle**  
*Police Secretary; Crossing Guard*

Pat assists the police and school district.



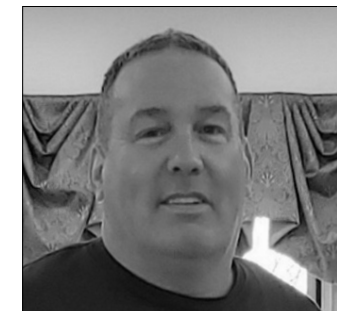
**Sheila Briner**  
*Finance Clerk*

Sheila is an integral part of the Finance Department and maintains financial records.



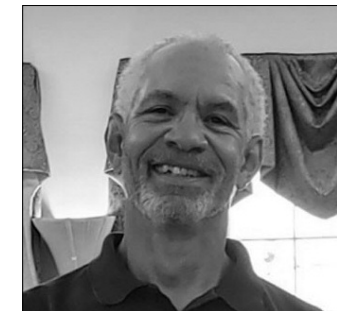
**Bonita Barnwell**  
*Receptionist*

Anytime you visit the third floor, you will likely be greeted by Bonnie.



**Michael Pozzuolo**  
*Public Works Foreman*

Mike’s duties include assisting the director and overseeing various projects and tasks.



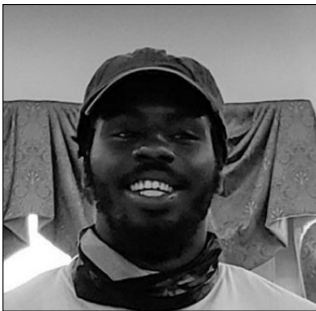
**Keith Bowler**  
*Public Works*

Keith is a resident who shares his electrical skills with the borough.



**Sean Murphy**  
*Public Works*

Sean is one of our street sweepers. He also is skilled in concrete work.



**Oscar Lawrence**  
*Public Works*

Oscar is often landscaping and maintaining borough properties.



**Arthur Wisseh**  
*Public Works*

Arthur is a resident and skilled at painting.



**Georgios Sigalas**  
*Public Works*

Georgios is responsible for cleaning and maintaining the borough buildings.



**Ricardo Maxi**  
*Public Works*

Our newest employee is a certified electrician.